GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Allegations of irregularities in disbursement of Scholarships against Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.II) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O.Rt.No</u>. 1011 <u>DATED:06.12.2010.</u>

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under Sub-clause (1) of clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri A. Patel, vide G.O.Ms.No.83 SW (SER.II) Dept., dated:06.12.2010, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of irregularities in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of irregularities in support of each of the Article of Charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).
- 3. Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.
- 4. Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the Article of Charge.
- 5. Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.
- 6. Attention of Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
(P.T.O)

To
Sri A.Patel, ASWO (now retired),
Nellore, SPSR Nellore Dist.
(through the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P, Hyderabad)
Copy to:
The Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad,
with a request to serve the articles of charge on the Charged
Officer and return the served copy to Government for record.
SF/SC's.

// FORWARDED: BY ORDER //

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI A. PATEL, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NOW RETIRED), NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE NO. I:

That Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore, has failed in discharging his duties in supervising the distribution of Scholarship amount to SC/ST students by the Private Management Nursing Schools in his jurisdiction as a result certain irregularities were found and it is construed that the managements are indulging in unethical practices in collection of amounts from the SC/ST students at the time of admissions. Due to his negligence and slack supervision, the said private nursing schools collected amounts from the SC/ST students at the time of admissions which clearly shows the violation of the guidelines laid down in G.O.Ms.No.90, Social Welfare (Edn.II) Department, dated 30.7.2002, by the said private managements of Nursing Schools in Nellore District.

2. Thus, Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, being a responsible officer has failed to discharge his legitimate duties which led the private managements of Nursing Schools to collect the amounts from the SC/ST students at the time of admissions.

(Basis: Vigilance Report No.9 (1668/V&E-D2/06), dated 02.02.2008 of the Director General (Vig.&Enft.)

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.PATEL, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (RETIRED), NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

Sri A.Patel, S/o Sri Ananadam, Native of Arivemula (V), Kanigiri (T.Q.), Prakasam District. His date of birth is 01.07.1949. He entered into Government Service as Grade-II Warden on 16.7.1973 in Social Welfare Department. Subsequently he was promoted as Grade-I Warden on 09.11.1973. Further, he was promoted as A.S.W.O. on 05.6.1995. He retired from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on the A.N. of 30.6.2007.

- 2. The Vigilance & Enforcement department officials during their course of random verification on mode of distribution of Scholarships to SC/ST students in Private Management Nursing Schools in Nellore District, noticed certain irregularities i.e., amount collected from SC/STs varying from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.7,000/- at the time of admission towards advance mess bill and tuition fees, even not refunded after sanction of Scholarships by SW/TW Departments.
- 3. It is alleged Sri A.Patel, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (now retired), Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, has failed to supervise the distribution of scholarship amount to SC/ST students by the above mentioned private management Nursing Schools. Due to his negligence, the private Nursing Schools collected amounts from the students at the time of admission in violation of the guidelines laid down in G.O.Ms.No.90, Social Welfare (Edn.II) Department, dated 30.7.2002.
- 4. It clearly shows that Sri A.Patel, utterly failed in discharging his legitimate duties as A.S.W.O. while working as A.S.W.O., Nellore District, as a result the private management of nursing Schools violated the guidelines/instructions issued in the G.O.Ms.No.90, and committed unethical practices in collection of amount from SC/ST students at the time of admissions.
- 5. The above lapses took place due to non conducting of periodical inspections as per job chart of A.S.W.Os., and ineffective monitoring by Sri A.Patel, formerly A.S.W.O., Nellore (now retired).
- 6. Thus Sri A. Patel, formerly A.S.W.O., Nellore (now retired), by his above act failed to maintain absolute integrity and discipline and his conduct is unbecoming of a Government Servant and thus contravened Rule 3(1)(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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<u>ANNEXURE - III</u>

DRAFT LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.PATEL, A.S.W.O. (NOW RETIRED), S.P.S.R. NELLORE DISTRICT.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS: The Vigilance Report No.9 (1668/V&E-D2/06), dated

19.3.2008 of the Director General, (Vig. & Enft.).

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.PATEL, A.S.W.O. (NOW RETIRED), SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

<u>LIST OF WITNESSES:</u> -- NIL --

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT